

**RESOLUTION
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CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS**

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**Honoring Council Member Diane Hofstede for her years of service to the City of
Minneapolis.**

Whereas, Diane Hofstede was elected to represent the Third Ward as a Member of the City Council in 2005 and was re-elected in 2009, and has served with full faith, commitment, distinction, and dedication for eight years, during which time she has served as a member of the Council's standing committees on Ways & Means/Budget, including four years as Vice-Chair; Public Safety, Civil Rights & Health; and Regulatory, Energy & Environment; and

Whereas, Council Member Hofstede provided leadership as Chair of the first independent Audit Committee within the City enterprise and, in that capacity, was responsible for organizing the Audit Committee, selecting members to serve as representatives of the various stakeholders, establishing the Internal Audit Department, and leading the recruitment and selection of the Internal Auditor. Council Member Hofstede often referred to her work on the Audit Committee as "flying the plane while building it," and she is recognized by her colleagues for the successes of the Audit Committee, which had four years of "safe landings with no crashes," and increases in the Audit Department's functionality and service to the City; and

Whereas, Council Member Hofstede represented the City of Minneapolis as a member of the following boards, commissions, and other groups: as a founding member of the Minneapolis Riverfront Corporation, where she was the Chair of the Board of Directors; the University of Minnesota Stadium Advisory Committee; the University of Minnesota Alliance Steering Committee; the North Star Corridor Development Board and Advisory Committee; the RiverFirst Steering Committee; Mississippi Watershed Organization Board; the St. Anthony Heritage Board; the Metropolitan Design Center Advisory Committee; and the Meet Minneapolis Board of Directors; and

Whereas, Council Member Hofstede has been a community builder in the truest sense of the word, as Co-Chair of the Minneapolis Downtown Library Building Committee, along with Co-Chairs Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton and Mayor Rybak, she lead the largest public building project for the City of Minneapolis in 1998. As City Council Member she has added over 2,000 units of housing to the City, including two buildings on the National Historic Register: the Pillsbury A-Mill, which included 250 units of Affordable Artist Housing, and the Grain Belt Office Building. She led the renovation of the first planned unit development in the City, Florence Court. All of the aforementioned projects are along the edges of the third greatest riverfronts in the world; and

Whereas, Council Member Hofstede has been a trailblazer for implementing green initiatives in the City of Minneapolis by welcoming the Red Stag, the first LEED-certified restaurant and the first LEED-certified house in Hawthorne Eco-Village, in addition to the installation of three green roofs on the Central Library which also incorporated sustainable technology, the use of reclaimed water, and recycled materials; and

Whereas, Council Member Hofstede welcomed President Jimmy Carter to the Hawthorne Neighborhood spotlighting the Hawthorne Eco-Village and the City's participation in World Habitat Day. Twenty-six homes were built or had improvements in the week-long celebration of the successful collaboration with Habitat for Humanity recognizing the need of affordable and sustainable housing for our community. Over 300 people from across the metro area came to work on homes. Council Member Hofstede learned how to use power tools and to apply siding during the week-long project, and worked with President Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter and Vice President Walter Mondale cutting, applying siding, and discussing the Hawthorne Neighborhood and the City of Minneapolis; and

Whereas, Council Member Hofstede has been a champion of our Mississippi Riverfront, and a founding member of the Minneapolis Riverfront Partnership, including serving as that organization's Chair from 2008-2012, and as a Board Member through 2013. In addition, she has been a member of the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization Board, RiverFirst Steering Committee, and the St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board during dramatic development discussions of our Riverfront; and

Whereas, Council Member Hofstede has been a leader in increasing park land for the Third Ward and the City, including the development of the Sheridan Memorial Park, and the purchase of the Scherer Brothers Lumber Yard, eight acres of prime riverfront property in Northeast Minneapolis, which sparked the vision of the RiverFirst Project, creating the front porch to the city; and

Whereas, during her tenure, Council Member Hofstede emphasized public safety, health and wellness, livability and housing, and the overall quality of life enjoyed by residents through monthly Third Ward CARE meetings and ongoing dialogues which engaged all nine neighborhoods, the University of Minnesota, and other partners, achieving positive changes that have had lasting results for all stakeholders; and

Whereas, Council Member Hofstede spearheaded the first public discussion of the mortgage foreclosure crisis and was instrumental in organizing a network of public and private sector partners, and these actions were instrumental in forging new alliances at local, state, and federal levels to influence positive outcomes in addressing the safety and housing needs of residents in the Third Ward and throughout the City; and

Whereas, Council Member Hofstede was appointed as a member of the Vikings Stadium Implementation Committee which articulated a future vision and an associated set of principles reflecting the City's values to be incorporated as part of the Minneapolis Downtown East Redevelopment District. Among other matters, Council Member Hofstede championed expanding the boundaries of that District as a means of expanding the opportunity to achieve greater synergy and project-related benefits to outlining neighborhoods and stimulate high-quality development. Council Member Hofstede also was appointed as a member of the Downtown East Area Park Committee, which will guide plans for the development of the new park proposed as part of the Downtown East Redevelopment District, and bounded by Chicago Avenue South, South 4th Street, South 5th Street, and 5th Avenue South; and

Whereas, Council Member Hofstede has strengthened the ties between the City of Minneapolis, Second and Third Wards, Second Police Precinct, and the University of Minnesota neighborhoods by shepherding through the Minnesota Legislature the University District Alliance Partnership Agreement in order to capitalize on our exceptional resources. As

a University District Alliance Board Member, Council Member Hofstede initiated quarterly meetings with District partners which resulted in the enactment of the Social Host Ordinance; the Southeast Strategic Partnership, as a response to the Dinkytown riots of 2009; and the creation of Move In/Move Out Day and an associated outreach and education workgroup among District partners to create the “Pack & Give Back” initiative, a sustainable effort that targeted reusing, recycling, and repurposing materials and resources resulting from the success of the annual Move In/Move Out Day; and

Whereas, Council Member Hofstede has engaged community stakeholders in infrastructure development projects, both in the Third Ward and the City, including the creation of new landmarks like the Lowry Avenue Bridge and Main Street Bridge, and the rebuilt Interstate 35-W Bridge, as well as improvements to the Plymouth Avenue Bridge, all of which has contributed to raising the standard of infrastructure projects and improvements throughout the City of Minneapolis;

Whereas, Council Member Hofstede tirelessly advocated for the needs of Third Ward constituents, helping to humanize the City Government and facilitate meaningful connections and engagement between residents, businesses, nonprofit and philanthropic organizations, and government agencies, and this work culminated in the launch of NeighborhoodFEST, a registered signature event which annually welcomed thousands of people to the Third Ward, its neighborhoods, and the riverfront; and

Whereas, after eight years of distinguished public service, Council Member Hofstede will leave the City of Minneapolis, having established a legacy of excellence reflective of her commitment to the highest principles of public service, good government, and the numerous contributions made to the betterment of the City enterprise and to the well-being and prosperity of the community of the City of Minneapolis;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

The Mayor and City Council do hereby present this Honorary Resolution in recognition of its sincere gratitude and appreciation for the many contributions made by Council Member Diane Hofstede to the City of Minneapolis, together with their best wishes in all future endeavors.